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Subject:

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to let you know that I agree with the comments submitted today by 324 organizations asking you not to restrict the ability of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations to engage in federal policy advocacy that could be considered to "promote, support, attack, or oppose" any candidate for federal office, including people currently in office. This means that a 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organization could not engage in any form of public communication that was critical or supportive of the policy positions of President Bush, any other candidate for President, or anyone running for Congress or the Senate unless it was using funds specifically raised from individuals who would be limited to contributions of \$5,000 or less.

This would have a severe chilling effect on all federal public policy advocacy speech. It would be disingenuous to allow paid lobbyists to represent their constituency or believe that just because you work for an organization, you cannot express your free will of opposition to issues you disagree with. I wish to voice my opinion against this move. Thank you.

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